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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: NIO/EA

Bob Gates has asked that I prepare a new version of the Philippine SNIE. He found the attached draft unacceptable. So, too, did a lot of other people. INR, in particular, had heartburn.

Based on Bob's guidance, the new draft will present material differently, but the substance will remain about the same. I plan to meet with OEA later this week to discuss in detail where we go from here. I have already talked informally with Tom and Carl [redacted]

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Your people deserve no part of the blame for the draft taking a wrong turn. They again did an exceptional job of giving me what I asked for. I simply asked for the wrong thing. Moreover, I included a list of development attributes submitted by General Odom that readers found especially obnoxious.

My rough calculation at this point is that we can salvage about two-thirds of OEA's work. Some recasting may be necessary, but all-in-all relatively minor surgery. The other third will consist of mostly new material. I do not think that it will take long to turn the revised draft out, but I plan to give OEA plenty of leeway so it will not interfere unduly with its own research schedule.


Carl Ford

Attachment

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